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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Thank you for coming to New Mexico and visiting the Pueblo of Acoma with me earlier this month.

Many issues before the Federal Communications Commission today directly impact tribes in my home state and across the country. I appreciate your strong commitment to ensuring tribal communities can take full advantage of enhanced communications access to improve economic development, education and healthcare opportunities. Your visit also demonstrates the Commission's ongoing work with tribes to tackle digital divide and other communications challenges in Indian Country.

I also would like to thank you for your continued support for the Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy. ONAP staff help ensure that the Commission gives the unique communications challenges facing Native Americans the attention they deserve on a daily basis. This will help continue recent progress in terms of bringing state-of-the-art communications services to some of our country's least connected communities.

During our visit, I was impressed to see how Acoma leaders are using high speed broadband where available to fuel economic growth through Acoma Business Enterprises. Yet, it is evident there is still more progress needed to expand the benefits of broadband for those living in Indian Country and other rural areas through infrastructure development and non-prohibitive pricing.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to improve telecommunications services throughout New Mexico and addressing the needs of our communities.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Udall
United States Senator

Tom - Thank you
for all your interest in
New Mexico. Heard the rest of your visit was
a real hit. Cheers, TL